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# NewsLine

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The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the membership prior to the October 28, 2014, Annual Meeting:

In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make nominations by petition. The deadline to receive nominations by petition is August 1, 2014. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting.\*

\*Note: The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that the only members who will be voting for director positions are those who have memberships in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election.

District 2 - Brooks County:

**Noel Childers**  
**Mike Allen**

District 3 - Berrien County:

**James H. (Jimmy) Griner Sr.**  
**Kane Staines**

District 4 - Cook County:

**Simmie King**

*See biographies on next page...*

Mark your calendar for  
**Colquitt EMC's  
78th Annual Meeting  
of Members**

Spence Field, Moultrie  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Business/Financial Updates,  
Great Food, Prizes, Health  
Fair, Entertainment....

**Don't Miss It!**

*Look for lunch reservation  
forms in next month's  
NewsLine.*



## DISTRICT 2 BROOKS COUNTY

### Noel Childers



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 26 years
- Completed NRECA training to obtain a Certified Director Certificate
- Member of Morrison Baptist Church where he currently serves as :
  - Chairman of the Deacons
  - Adult Sunday School Teacher
  - Chairman of Building & Grounds Committee
- Member of the Brooks County Cattlemen's Association
- Participated in the inaugural Leadership Georgia class
- By invitation has previously served on Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Fact Finding Group for Alternative Produce Production
- Lifelong farmer specializing in vegetable production and cattle
- Employed by Dewitt Farms where he oversees produce production

### Mike Allen



- Utilities Director for Lowndes County
- Serves on the State of Georgia Water Resource Planning Board
- Member of the American Public Works Association (APWA)
- Member of Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP)
- Member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA)
- Chairman of the local Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council
- Member of the Park Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he serves as a Deacon

## DISTRICT 3 BERRIEN COUNTY

### James H. (Jimmy) Griner, Sr.



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 22 years
  - Has served as president and secretary/ treasurer
- Earned Certified Director Certificate
- Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Fireman with the West Berrien Volunteer Fire Department
- Active member of the Tifton Kiwanis Club
  - Recipient of 4 Outstanding Kiwanian awards
- Member of the Primitive Baptist Faith
- Manages and operates Griner Farms with his son
- Retired from ABAC in June of 1989 with 22 years of service as a physics professor

### Kane Staines



- Educator with the Berrien County School System.
  - For the past 6 years in Ag Education as a Young Farmer Teacher
- Owner of the Gum Branch Feed Company in Adel
- Member of the Berrien Youth Livestock Association
- Member of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church
  - Serves as Usher, Assistant Treasurer and member of the Public Relations Committee

## DISTRICT 4 COOK COUNTY

### Simmie King



- Served on the Colquitt EMC Board for 29 years
  - Has served as president and vice-president
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Member of Baptist faith
- Farms in the Fellowship Community of Cook County
- Completed NRECA training to obtain a Certified Director Certificate

### **At the time Colquitt EMC members vote for directors this year, you will be asked to consider a Bylaw change that concerns director elections.**

#### **Following is the proposed Bylaw amendment:**

*No members presently or formerly employed by the Cooperative shall be eligible to become or remain a Director, Member of the Nominating Committee, or serve in any other capacity, either appointed or elected, or involving any Cooperative election for five (5) years after the termination of his/her employment from the Cooperative. This Bylaw change is effective on October 28, 2014, and only applies to those members who are separated from Colquitt EMC after October 28, 2014.*

### **Statement of Nondiscrimination**

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Doug Loftis, Manager of Human Resources & Corporate Services. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.



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## Keep Cool with Energy-Efficient Window Treatments

Windows let in the light and offer beautiful views but they also allow in radiant heat which can increase your cooling bills by as much as 30%. Replacing your old windows with new Energy Star labeled models can significantly reduce radiant heat. A less expensive option is to install and use energy-efficient window treatments which include:

### **AWNINGS**

Window awnings can reduce solar heat gain in the summer by up to 65% on south-facing windows and 77% on west-facing windows. In the past, most awnings were made of metal or canvas, but today, awnings are made from synthetic fabrics such as acrylic and polyvinyl laminates and come in a color and design to meet everyone's taste. Some models even retract letting the sun warm the house during the heating season.

### **BLINDS**

Blinds can have vertical or horizontal slat. Their chief advantage is unlike shades, you can adjust the slats to control light and ventilation. When completely closed and lowered on a sunny window, highly reflective blinds can reduce heat gain by around 45%.

### **DRAPERIES**

A drapery's ability to reduce heat loss and gain depends on several factors, including fabric type (closed or open weave) and color. During summer days, you should close draperies on windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain. Studies demonstrate that medium-colored draperies with white-plastic backings can reduce heat gains by 33%. Draperies also stay cooler in the summer than some other window treatments because their pleats and folds lose heat through convection.

### **HIGH-REFLECTIVITY FILMS**

They are best used in climates with long cooling seasons, because they also block the sun's heat in the winter. Silver, mirror-like films typically are more effective than the colored, more transparent ones.

*Note: Some window warranties can be voided if films are installed.*

### **SHADES**

When properly installed, window shades can be one of the simplest and most effective window treatments for saving energy. For greater efficiency, use dual color shades—highly reflective (white) on one side and heat absorbing (dark) on the other side—that can be reversed with the seasons.



Save \$\$\$ and Energy with the Right Window Treatments for Your Home



## Recipes of the Month



### Grilled Chicken Wings

3 lbs chicken wings  
1/2 cup Dijon mustard  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Cut the chicken wings into three pieces and discard tips. Mix remaining ingredients into a bowl. Add wings and stir. Cover and marinate for 45 minutes. Place pieces on the grill and brush with remaining mixture. Grill over medium-hot coals about 15-20 minutes, turning once. *Yield: 1 Serving*

*Per Serving:* 541.7 Calories, 38.6g Fat, 1071.9mg Sodium, 174.7mg Cholesterol, 2.5ckig Carbohydrate.



### Creamy Cucumber Salad

1 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar  
1 teaspoon dried dill weed  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
4 large cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced  
1 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced

In a mixing bowl, whisk together sour cream, sugar, vinegar, dill, salt and pepper. In a separate large mixing bowl, toss together cucumbers and onions. Pour sour cream mixture over top and mix together. Chill at least 1 hour before serving. *Yield: 1 Serving*

*Per Serving:* 145.4 Calories, 7.8g Fat, 229.7mg Sodium, 19.9mg Cholesterol, 18.6g Carbohydrate.